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Chapter 3: Disciples

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GYAKU DO!!!
SFX: RUMBLE
AND TOO STRONG TO BLOCK!
IT'S TOO FAST TO AVOID!
ONCE I USED—
SHUUUSUI! SEMPAI'S ULTIMATE MOVE...

IT'S A FATAL BLOW.
YOU'RE AS GOOD AS DEAD!

AT THE MOMENT OF IMPACT—
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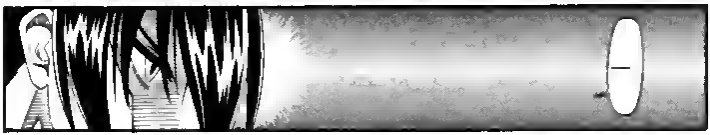
CLOSE YOUR EYES,
AND RELAX YOUR BODY.
THEN YOU WON'T FEEL PAIN, OR FEAR, AND EVERYTHING WILL END JUST LIKE THAT.
SFX: STRONG MOVEMENT

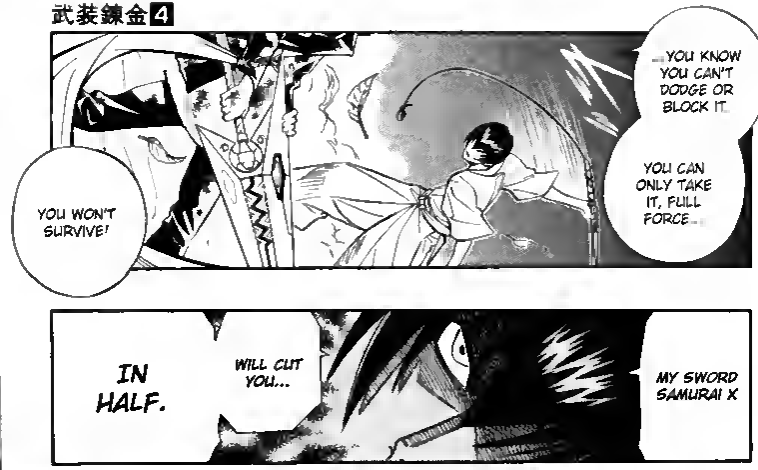
SFX. SQUEEZE

SFX. SAM



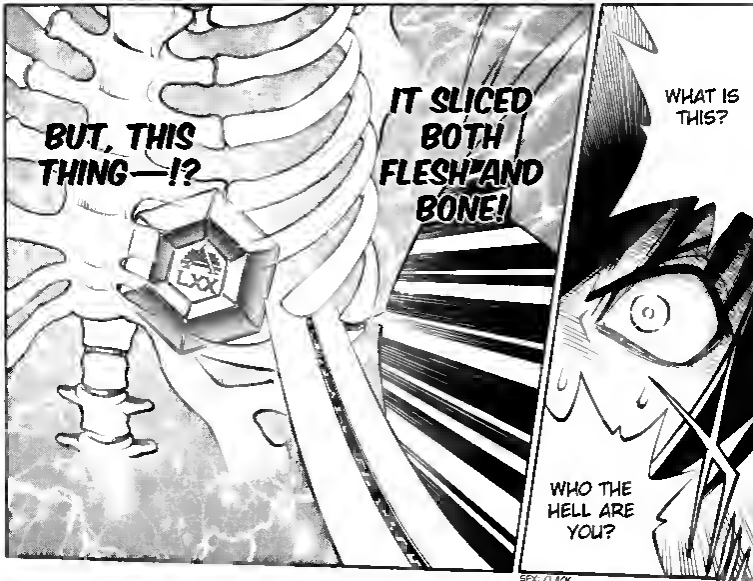
SFX. STRONG MOVEMENT

I WANT TO KNOW!!
WHAT COULD THE WISH, FOR WHICH SEMPAI IS WILLING TO GIVE UP HIS HUMANITY, BE?
SFX. PANT PANT
"IF YOU WANT TO KNOW, I CAN TELL YOU."
"BUT ONLY IF YOU CAN BEAT MY KATANA WITH YOUR LANCE!"


...YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T DODGE OR BLOCK IT.
YOU CAN ONLY TAKE IT, FULL FORCE...
YOU WON'T SURVIVE!
MY SWORD SAMURAI X
WILL CUT YOU...
IN HALF.

I'LL KILL YOU FIRST!
AND TAKE THE KAKUGANE LATER!!
SFX: BANG!
I'M SORRY, BUT MY LIFE'S ALREADY MERGED WITH THE KAKUGANE.
SO I CAN'T LET YOU CUT ME IN HALF!

SFX SLASH, VA


BUT, THIS THING—!?
IT SLICED BOTH FLESH AND BONE!
WHAT IS THIS?
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
SFX: CLACK

NOW IT'S MY TURN!
CANCEL BUSOU!...
YOU BLOCKED MY ATTACK WITH YOUR KAKUGANE

SFX: PULLING
MY LIFE'S MERGED WITHIN IT, I CAN'T LET YOU TAKE IT SO EASILY.
THIS KAKUGANE IS THE NEW LIFE TOKIKO-SAN GAVE ME
BUSOU!!
HERE WE GO AGAIN!

Shuusui-kun!?
SFX STRONG MOVEMENT
NOOOOOOOO!!
XXI
SFX CLANK
OU KA
SEMPAI
SFX SWISH!

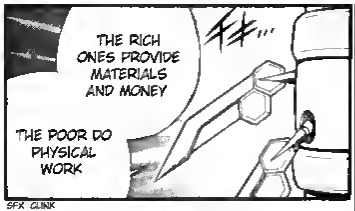
SFX: WHOOSH!
SLASH
!
SFX: WHAM!!
!!
SFX: LIGHT
SFX: LIGHT
SFX: SWISH!!!
HIS WOUND IS TRANSFERRING ON TO OUKA SEMPAI?

SFX BLEEDING
DON'T... DO THIS!
SIS...
SFX GRAB
SFX CHAH
SHUUSUI-KUN...
SFX PANT
SFX DRIP
SIS...
SFX DRIP
SFX PANT
WHY——?
A HOMUNCULUS SHOULD HAVE HEALED THE WOUND AUTO-MATICALLY
WOUNDS THAT DON'T BREAK THE SEAL SHOULDN'T BE FATAL
THEIR BUSOU RENKIN ARE DAMAGED,
BUT...
SFX PANT PANT PANT

SFX: SNAP, PANT PANT PANT, SNAP
REAL, LIVE HUMANS?
COULD THE TWO OF THEM BE...
!
SO YOU'RE "DISCIPLES?"
SFX: RUSTLE

YEAH, IT JUST HURTS A BIT.
ARE YOU OKAY?
SO WHAT ARE THEY AGAIN?
TOKIKO-SAN.

ONCE CAUGHT, ALMOST 100% OF THE TIME... THEY ARE DESTROYED
RENKIN WARRIORS CAN EASILY DISCOVER THEM EVERY TIME THEY EAT A HUMAN.
IT'S STILL VERY HARD TO HIDE IN A HUMAN SOCIETY.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH STRONGER HOMUNCULI ARE,



SFX: CLINK

SFX: RUSTLE

SFX: FOOTSTEPS

SFX: SLASH!!
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THE SEAL?!
SFX: WHOOSH!
WHEN DISCIPLES MEET HOMUNCULI, OR WORK UNDER THEM, THIS SEAL IS PAINTED ON..
TO PREVENT THEM FROM GETTING ACCIDENTALLY EATEN..
AH!
LOOK CAREFULLY IT'S DONE WITH GLOW-IN-THE-DARK PAINT
WHY...?
OUKA SEMPAI...
SHUUSUI SEMPAI...
THIS...
IS THE TRUTH, ISN'T IT?

I PROMISED IF YOU DEFEATED MY GYAKUDO,
!
I'D TELL YOU
DISCIPLES ONLY HAVE ONE GOAL. IT'S TO BE RECOGNIZED,
AND RAISE THEIR RANK ABOVE OTHER HUMANS.
THAT'S OUR WISH.
WE WISH TO BECOME HOMUNCULI, AND FOREVER LIVE TOGETHER—!
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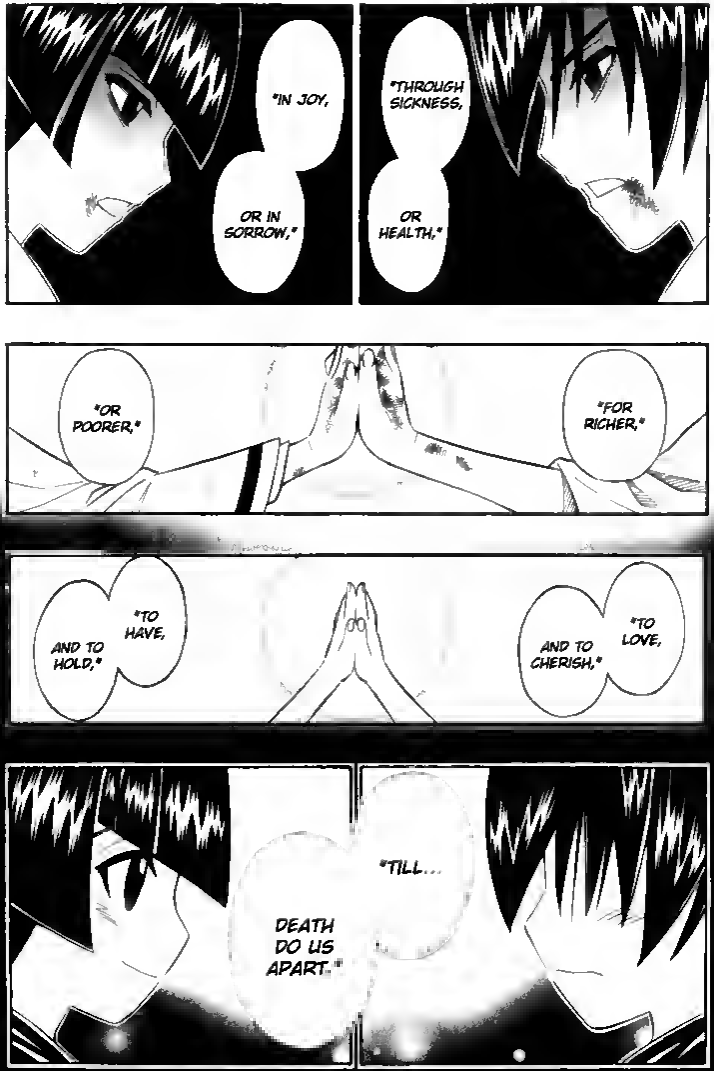
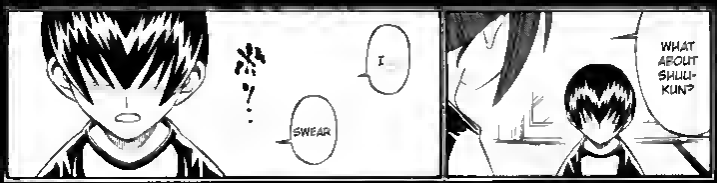

"IN JOY,
OR IN SORROW,"
"THROUGH SICKNESS,
OR HEALTH,"
"OR POORER,"
"FOR RICHER,"
"TO HAVE,
AND TO HOLD,"
"TO LOVE,
AND TO CHERISH,"
"TILL...
DEATH DO US APART."



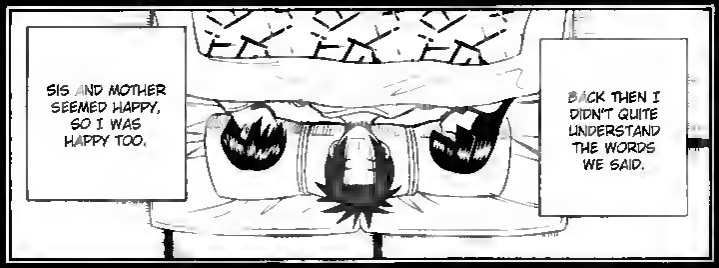
SFX: MUTTERING

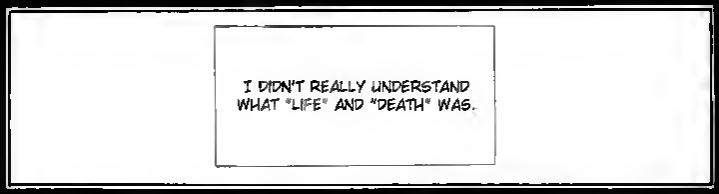
SFX: HUG

AND IN THE END WE DECIDED TO INCLUDE OUR MOTHER.
HUH? OUKA WANTS TO PLAY AGAIN?
OKAY, OKAY, TIME FOR BED!
THE WEDDING GAME THAT SIS LIKED TO PLAY.

SFX: CRACKLE

TOMORROW MORNING!
BYE-BYE! SEE YOU...


SIS AND MOTHER SEEMED HAPPY, SO I WAS HAPPY TOO.
BACK THEN I DIDN'T QUITE UNDERSTAND THE WORDS WE SAID.


I DIDN'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT "LIFE" AND "DEATH" WAS.

I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND IT AT ALL.
SO, WHAT HAPPENED TO MOTHER THE NEXT DAY...

The Silver Skin that fights evil!

Busou Renkin Weapon No. 3

Silver Skin

* **Kakugane Serial Number** C (100)
* **Creator** Captain Bravo
* **Shape** Metal Jacket
* **Color** Silvery-blue light-brown
* **Special Qualities** Hardens into metal when facing an attack. Broken parts immediately regenerate. Completely protects the wearer.
* **Trademarks** – Defense as strong as a metal wall. One of the best Busou Renkin out there.

  – It blocks more than normal attacks. ABC weapons (nuclear, biological and chemical weapons) won't work against it either.

  – It's defense only, and can't attack at all. But Captain Bravo's superior energy and battle aura makes up for it.

Mangaka's Notes:

– I first drew this up intending it to be the main army's uniform. I was thinking of attaching a metallic Busou Renkin on top of this, but then I thought, "it's just fine as it is" and became an impromptu metal jacket Busou Renkin.

– The motif of the design came from the main character's costume in the film, "Le pacte des loups," which was used for protection. Nevertheless, costumes from "Le pacte des loups" are cool enough to enchant people.

– The name, Silver Skin, was originally intended for the armor of Armor Baron who appeared in my previous work, "G. B. W." I thought, "even if it's simple, it sounds cool." It's such a waste to use for a work that's finishing," and temporarily put the name on hold. I decided to use it in this work.

– However, this is too strong. I wonder where its weaknesses lie?